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Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"Will the Hon. Member be pleased to state whether there are any special reasons why there should be such an inordinate delay on the part of the Mysore Government to send a reply to us?" 11-15 a.m.

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"I am afraid only the Mysore Government can give an answer to that question."

Progress of the Pennar-Kumudavathi Project in Hindupur taluk.

* 295 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how far the Pennar-Kumudavathi Project in Hindupur taluk has progressed and when the actual work would be started;

(*b*) whether any representation has been received from the ryots of West Kodihalli and of Kalyandrug taluk regarding improvement of irrigational facilities; and

(*c*) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

A.—(*a*) Action is being taken to conduct gaugings of the Pennar for five years with a view to see whether there are available supplies in the river for irrigation under the proposed project. The consideration of the project will be taken up after the results of the gaugings are known.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise.

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao:—"With reference to the answer to clause (*b*), does the Hon. Member assure me that even the Collector has not received any representations in this matter?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"I have stated categorically that no representations have been received."

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao:—"I want to know whether even the Collector has not received any representations in this matter?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"I have no information, Sir."

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao:—"May I request the Hon. the Revenue Member to look into the matter and find out?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"I think perhaps if the hon. Member would go to the Collector, he would probably get a quicker answer than I can give him."

Report of Soil Survey regarding the Tungabhadra Project.

* 296 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the report of Soil Survey *re.* the Tungabhadra Project has been received by the Government;

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(*b*) whether any arbitration committee has been appointed regarding the sharing of the Tungabhadra Project; and

(*c*) what steps the Government are taking to expedite the matter?

A.—(*a*) No. The survey operations are expected to continue at least till the end of February 1936.

(*b*) & (*c*) No. If the hon. Member refers to the sharing of the Tungabhadra waters, his attention is invited to the answer given to question No. 152.

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO:—"May I know whether any arbitration committee has been appointed and if so, when it is likely to begin its sittings?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—"I think I have already told this House that the matter is with the Government of India. We have made our recommendations and it is for them to take further action. The Madras Government cannot at present take any action of its own accord."

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO:—"I want to know whether any further action has been taken since?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—"Since when?"

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO:—"Since Question No. 152 was last answered."

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—"Not so far as I am aware, Sir."

Publication of the report of the Special Officer appointed, in the first instance, to report on the possibility of providing irrigational facilities from the Mettur Reservoir to Salem.

* 297 *Q*.—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) who the Special Officer is who has been deputed to investigate originally into the possibility or otherwise of providing water for irrigation in Salem district from the Mettur reservoir;

(*b*) for how long the investigation was made, and what the expenditure involved is;

(*c*) whether a copy of the original report made by him will be placed on the table;

(*d*) what the remarks of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation are on the said report, and whether a copy of it will be placed on the table; and

(*e*) what orders have been passed by the Government on the same, and whether a copy of it will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) M.R.Ry. V. Ayyadurai Ayyar Avargal, now Deputy Chief Engineer for Irrigation.